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EMBASSY AUTHORIZED BY SEPTTEL TO PROCEED WITH INTERVIEWS FOR CAT I A THAI DAM AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PROPOSED TEXT COULD BE MISLEADING IN THAT ULTIMATELY MARRIED BROTHERS AND SISTERS MAY QUALIFY FOR THE U.S. PROGRAM. THUS WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THAI DAM AND OTHER ETHNIC GROUPS.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE REFUGEE PROGRAM FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE NUMBER OF RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES APPLYING FOR SUCH RESETTLEMENT. IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO COORDINATE THE U.S. PROGRAM WITH THE EFFORTS OF THOSE OTHER COUNTRIES WHO ARE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO ASSIST IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES.

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THEREFORE, ALL REFUGEES SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, WITH VERY LIMITED EXCEPTIONS WHICH WILL BE EXPLAINED, A REFUGEE WHO IS OFFERED A RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITY BY ANOTHER COUNTRY

SUCH AS FRANCE AND REJECTS THAT OFFER WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE U.S. PROGRAM. THE EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE WILL BE THOSE REFUGEES WHO ARE THE HUSBANDS, WIVES, PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS OF U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS OR REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN THE U.S. BEFORE APRIL 15, 1976 AS WELL AS CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WHO ARE UNMARRIED AND UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, OF U.S. CITIZENS, PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS AND REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN THE U.S. PRIOR TO APRIL 15, 1976.

SUCH RELATIVES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN A THIRD COUNTRY. OTHER APPLICANTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, IF THEY FAIL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITY IN A THIRD COUNTRY, THEY WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE U.S. PROGRAM. THEREFORE, ANY REFUGEES WHO DO NOT HAVE RELATIVES IN THE U.S. WITHIN THE ELIGIBLE CATEGORY DESCRIBED ABOVE SHOULD APPLY FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES IF THEY WISH TO ASSURE THEIR ULTIMATE RESETTLEMENT OUT OF THAILAND. SISCO

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